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## BOOK REVIEWS.

**Tweedie.** By ISLA MAY MULLINS. Boston: The Page Co. Pp. 291. Price \$1.50 net.

Those who have read the Blossom Shop Stories will welcome a new story by the same author. One must read the book to appreciate the charming personality of the young Swiss girl who goes to work in a professor's home.

**Birds of Field, Forest and Park.** By ALBERT FIELD GILMORE. Boston: The Page Co. Pp. 318. Price \$2.50 net.

Although not a treatise on the science of ornithology, this book reproduces the atmosphere of the natural home of various birds most common in eastern North America by describing the conditions under which they are found and their usual surroundings as well as their looks, etc. There are about 150 varieties described, with 40 illustrations, a number of which are in full color.

**First Lessons in Business.** By J. A. BEXELL. Lippincott's Thrift Text Series. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co. Pp. 174. Price 68 cents.

This book presents in very interesting form a discussion of the business qualifications important to success. They include, among others, honesty, promptness and ambition. It then takes up the practical side of keeping personal and household accounts, the use of business forms, etc.

The book is intended for the eighth and ninth school years, and seems very well adapted for pupils of that age, as well as so sensible as to be interesting to older pupils.

**First Course in Algebra.** By WALTER BURTON FORD and CHARLES AMMERMAN. New York: The Macmillan Company. Pp. xiii + 334. Price \$1.20.

While this text follows much the traditional order of topics, it introduces the modern spirit in many ways. The combination of the simple cases of factoring with multiplication and division is excellent, as is the free use of pictorial illustration, and the flexibility in exercises. This flexibility is brought about by starring in each list some that may be left for review or second year work, and referring to additional ones supplied in the appendix. The use of tables is also a good feature.

The text is good, the exercises well chosen, and the book as a whole seems teachable.

It is the first year book of a two-book series.